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For: OPTHALMIC COMPOSITION FOR  
TREATING TEAR DYSFUNCTION

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on April 5, 2006, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion that should be made of record in the present application.

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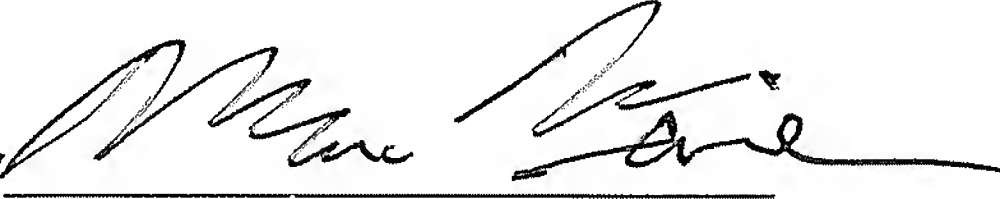
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